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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MARR, NL

SUBJECT: F-16 GAO VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS, 17-18 MAY 77.

1. GAO INITIAL ATTITUDE CONCERNING THE FACT THAT DUTCH WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMMENT ON FINAL, REPEAT FINAL, REPORT PRIOR TO PUBLICATION CAUSED SEVERAL TENSE MOMENTS. DUTCH SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED CALLING OFF THE MEETING SHORTLY AFTER ITS BEGINNING. HAD THIS HAPPENED, DUTCH WOULD ALSO HAVE NOTIFIED OTHER EPG'S WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD THE EFFECT OF ENDING THE GAO VISIT BEFORE IT BEGAN; HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE SECOND DAY GAO APPEARED TO HAVE AN APPRECIATION OF DUTCH VIEWS.

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- 2. ACCORDING TO GAO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO THE REPORT:
- A) REPORT WOULD REFLECT DUTCH VIEWS PUT FORTH DURING THE MEETINGS.
- B) DUTCH MAY SUBMIT ADDITIONAL VIEWS IN WRITING, IF DESIRED,

NOT LATER THAN 6 JUNE 77.

C) DUTCH MAY VISIT WASHINGTON, BEGINNING 6 JULY 77, TO REVIEW FINAL DRAFT OF REPORT. (GAO WILL FURNISH OFFICE SPACE). AFTER DUTCH REVIEW, AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED AND IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED, WORDS SATISFACTORY TO BOTH WILL BE PUT INTO THE BASIC REPORT.

3. GAO WILL OFFER OTHER EPG'S THE SAME CONDITIONS AND, IF ACCEPTED, COLLECTIVE VIEWPOINT WOULD REPLACE DUTCH IN PARAGRAPHS 2A THRU 2D ABOVE.

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